lature of Haryana and is being maintained by the State Government. According to the information furnished by UGC the Commission do not seem to have received any complaint regarding charging of capitation fee or bribes for admission to B.Ed courses in the University. Such complaints, if any would be looked into by the State Government and UGC.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Supply of 'Animal Bird' Tea

1211. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of the 'Animal Bird' tea marketed by Tea Board especially for M.P's has been stopped, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) if not, the reasons for which it is not available for sale for the last so many months in the Parliament House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Since mid-seventies, 'Animal Bird' caddies were supplied by Tea Trading Corporation of India Limited (TTCI). Production of these caddies has been stopped by TTCI because of closure of the firm supplying the containers. But the same quality of tea is being supplied in TTCIs 'Wild Life' caddies.

Revision of Pay Scale of Auditor/ Accountants

1212. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1121 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th July, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Secretary, Staff Side, National Council JCM had sent a letter dated 23rd August, 1990 to the Finance Secretary, Government of India regarding revision of pay scales of Auditors/Accountants etc. on the basis of parity as existed upto 1991;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a joint letter dated 29th April, 1991 from the Joint Action Committee of Audit and Accounts Organisations to the Finance Secretary and a reminder dated 27-6-91, were sent on the issue;

(c) if answer to parts referred above be in the positive, what are the reasons for the anomaly in this regard; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to resolve the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (d) Some representations have been received to revise the pay scales of Auditors/Accountants. The matter is receiving attention.

Cost Audit Reports providing Information to BICP

1213. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1399 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th August, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the details of other actions taken on cost audit reports by his Ministry apart from providing the information to BICP;

(b) whether it is a fact that number of instances of cheating and manipulation have been detected on scrutiny of cost audit reports;

(c) what are the details of such instances that came to the light during last three years upto the 31st July, 1991;

(d) whether it is a fact that a number of cost auditors and companies have been booked for misconduct;

(e) if so, the details thereof during last three years, year-wise;

(f) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is considering a proposal to share the cost data with excise and other revenue authorities; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) A copy each of the Cost Audit Report is made available to the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices and the concerned Administrative Ministry for such action as they may consider necessary and to other Government agencies on request. Cost Audit Reports are reviewed in my Ministry with reference to the requirements of the Companies Act, 1956 and Cost Audit (Report) Rules, 1968.

(b) No such instances have come to the notice of Government.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) and (g) Whenever any cost audit data is required by Excise and Revenue authorities, it is made available to them.

SCs/STs and Backward Classes who have benefited from legal aid.

1214. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for legal aid to the persons whose cases are pending before the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, what is the number of persons who have received such benefit during the past three years; and

(c) what is the number of these beneficiaries who belong to SC/ST and backward classes, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. A Supreme Court Legal Aid Committee has been functioning since July, 1981 for receiving and investigating applications for legal aid and advice and to provide for giving legal advice in matters filed or to be filed in the Supreme Court. Every citizen whose annual income is less than Rs. 9,000|-, is eligible for free legal aid for Supreme Court cases. There is no limitation as to income in respect of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Vimukta Jatis, Nomadic Tribes women and children.

(b) and (c) Information for the past three calender years is given below:—

Year	Total No. of beneficiaries	SCs	STs	Backward Classes
1988	759	54	15	..
1989	692	54	11	..
1990	578	49	17	3